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Second Day of Their Annual Council in this City.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL REPORT

Made at the Business Session Yesterday Afternoon—Many More Delegates Arrive in the City—Where the Visitors are Located—What was Done Yesterday—To-day's Programme.

Yesterday was the second day of the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal church of the diocese of West Virginia, and during the day many more delegates from various portions of the state arrived and were taken in hand by the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and escorted to the quarters which had already been arranged for. The following shows those delegates who are in the city, and where they are located during their stay:

THE CLERGY.

W. H. Burkhardt at J. D. Dulko's, Leatherwood street.
R. M. Brookings at Nelson Noble, Virginia street.
C. H. Campbell at James Neill, South Penn street.
John Foster at W. D. McCoy, North Front street.
G. A. Gibbons at Rev. J. Brittingham, South Penn street.
J. G. Gibson at G. A. Aschman, Fourteenth street.
W. L. Gray at R. W. Peterson, Wooddale street.
J. S. Lightburn at James Neill, South Penn street.
E. L. Moore at L. Hoge, South Penn street.
W. H. Nelson at J. C. Carter, Wooddale street.
G. W. Peterkin at Rev. R. B. Swops, Chapline street.
C. G. Pearson at G. Lamb, Echo Point street.
R. B. Holter at Peoples Tatum, Fourteenth street.
G. P. Somerville at Mrs. W. Delaplaine, Chapline street.
R. M. Spurr at A. C. Whitaker, Main street.
Thomas Henry at G. K. McMechen, Twelfth street.
J. T. Woods at Major Mitchell, South Front street.
A. K. Fenton at W. D. McCoy, North Front street.
J. J. Newman at F. Lange, Fourteenth street.

LAY DELEGATES.

B. M. Ambler at L. Hoge, South Penn street.
G. W. Baxter at G. Lamb, Chapline street.
F. Beckwith at F. J. Hickory, Leatherwood street.
R. Berkeley at F. Lange, Fourteenth street.
F. J. Baxter at Hotel Stanton.
W. B. Baird at Mrs. J. Jacob, Main street.
M. C. Dimmick at Lawrence Sands.
W. L. Davis at Mrs. S. P. Norton, Pleasant Valley.
F. Eastham at Mrs. Sands.
J. Gasman at R. W. Peterson, Wooddale street.
W. H. Greer at G. K. McMechen, Twelfth street.
J. Hartley at the Stamm.
W. S. Keenely at Edward Ewing, Leatherwood street.
W. S. Laidley at Peoples Tatum, Fourteenth street.
E. J. Lee at Edward Ewing, Leatherwood street.
H. H. Moss at J. D. Dulko's, Leatherwood street.
S. N. Matthews at the McClure.
J. L. Mayo at G. A. Aschman, Fourteenth street.
Alex Parks at J. R. McCortney, South Front street.
W. Quigley at the Stamm.
L. Strider at A. J. Cecil, Elm Grove.
J. W. Williams at the McClure.
W. E. Watson at A. J. Cecil, Elm Grove.
J. C. Washington at R. W. Peterson, Wooddale street.
Miss Julia Emery at G. A. Aschman, Fourteenth street.

The first session of the council took place at 10:30 o'clock at St. Matthew's church, and Bishop George W. Peterkin delivered his annual address and report of the work in the diocese. The address was a lengthy but interesting one, and among other things he spoke of the Sheltering Arms Hospital, an Episcopalian institution located in the midst of the Kanawha Valley mining region. The bishop said that during the year past a bequest to this institution had been received from the late Mrs. Charles S. Olden, of Princeton, N. J., amounting to \$17,172 75. The receipts of the hospital during the year amounted to \$3,326 77, and the expenditures were \$3,258 63, leaving a balance of \$68 14. The number of patients received was 116, and the average cost per patient was \$28. The strikes in the region of the hospital had crippled its workings somewhat, but the bishop expressed the hope of returning prosperity. The income from the invested funds of the hospital now amounts to \$1,000. He hoped that the establishment of local hospitals throughout the state would not create a neglect of the Sheltering Arms, which is distinctly a church enterprise.

The bishop referred to his visit to Brazil, and the work which had been accomplished there. During the year he visited 60 places in West Virginia; places visited elsewhere, 45; total places visited, 115; number of visits, 105; sermons and addresses delivered, 253; other services and meetings, 47; baptism, 1; marriages, 3; churches consecrated, 1; ordination of deacons in West Virginia, 1; in Brazil, 4; confirmations in West Virginia, 329; in Virginia, 63; in Brazil, 142. Continuing the speaker referred to a proposed division of the diocese in the following language:

"A committee was appointed at the last council to consider the advisability and expediency of a division of the diocese, and they will no doubt report in due time. I am brought somewhat more into the discussion than I desired to be by the incorporation into the report, as I understand it, of a letter which I wrote to the chairman of the committee during the summer before I left Brazil. In that letter my views are so fully expressed that I need not detain you to-day by further consideration. As we know by our own experience, such questions have to be broached a long time before they can be settled, and all earnest discussion of them ought to do good. The discussion ought at least to make the clergy and laity throughout the diocese realize that they, as well as the bishop, have responsibilities in this matter, and I take this opportunity to assure them all that I am ready to co-operate with them in any way that shall be for the good of the church. The development of our work in these sixteen years past shows in the large enrollment of our members, and the widening of our sphere of labor has been very satisfactory, and the steady strengthening of our Diocesan feeling and life showing itself in a more effective organization, and in a more aggressive work, has been full of encouragement. This is especially so because this development and strengthening has been in the face of unusual difficulties, arising not only from having a sparse population over a widely extended area, but also from the extraordinary topography of the state which practically divides itself into four or five distinct sections having little communication, one with the other. It has been my constant desire to make the clergy and the people feel the unity of the Diocese. The state of West Virginia is our special field and it ought to be our constant care to devise and carry forward such plans and methods of work as may most effectually maintain the great interests committed to us.

At the conclusion of the bishop's address the council adjourned to the morning church service, which was conducted by Rev. Henry Thomas, of Martinsburg. The sermon was an eloquent one and was listened to with much interest by the congregation which filled the church. At the conclusion the delegates took the usual mid-day lunch at the Fort Henry club.

At 1:30 the second business session of

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the day was opened. The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Finance—N. S. Laidley, Robert M. Browne, M. C. Dimmick, Hon. I. H. Strider, W. E. Wilson and Joseph Dubois.

Episcopal and Permanent Fund—Rev. J. F. Woods, Rev. T. Foster, H. H. Moss, and R. C. Washington.

Committee on Brotherhood—Rev. Dr. Swops, Rev. C. M. Campbell, Peoples Tatum and William Quigley.

Unfinished Business—Rev. D. D. Forrest, E. B. Bowie, Rev. Jacob Brittingham and George Baxter.

Church—Rev. M. H. Neilson, C. C. Pearson, Mr. R. C. Berkeley and P. C. Eastham.

New Parishes—Rev. Mr. Gibson, M. H. Burkhardt, E. L. Lee and W. M. Baird.

At the afternoon business session the committee appointed at the last meeting of the council to report on the advisability and expediency of a division of the diocese of West Virginia, handed in its report, which was received and its consideration made the order of business for to-day's session. The report is favorable to a division as proposed, the new diocese to take in that territory south of a line across the state along the northern boundaries of Jackson, Roane, Clay, Nicholas, Webster and Pocahontas counties, now known as the Kanawha convocation. The report of the committee is merely preliminary, and the movement can go through to adoption when the proper support of the new bishop is assured by the Episcopalian of the proposed diocese. The reason that the plan for a division of the diocese is considered favorably by many is that the present bishop finds it actually impossible to cover his field without being overworked. It is not thought the division will become an accomplished fact before next year.

The reports of the treasurer, Mr. I. E. Sands, of this city, and of the trustees of the Episcopal fund, Mr. R. M. Browne, also of Wheeling, were received and referred to the finance committee for auditing. This committee will report to-day.

Rev. Dr. S. Seolley Moore, of Parkersburg, handed in the report of the committee on constitution and canons, together with the canons as revised by the committee. The report was received and adopted by the council. Dr. Moore also reported regarding the work of the Diocesan Missionary Society, from which the following facts are taken: Number of missionaries, 19; removed from the diocese, 2; now at work, 14; students employed during the summer, 3. Other but minor matters were also reported.

Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Washington, moved a vote of commendation for the tasty appearance and general excellence of the *Church News*, the Episcopal organ of the diocese. It was carried with enthusiasm. Dr. Moore presented a new form for parochial reports, which was adopted by the council.

The concluding event of the afternoon session was the address on work among the colored people of the south by Bishop Penick. It was clear forceful and was listened to with great interest by a large audience.

One of the lay delegates, Mr. Ambler, of Parkersburg, introduced a resolution, in which reverent thanks are given for the safe return of the bishop of the diocese from his long stay and arduous work in Brazil. The resolution was passed with unanimity.

Evening services were held at St. Matthew's church.

To-day's programme includes holy communion services at 7:45 a. m., at St. Matthew's church, a business session to open at 9:45 a. m., and after a recess the morning services will take place with a sermon by Rev. Mr. Gravatt. The afternoon business session will continue from 1:30 to 4 p. m.

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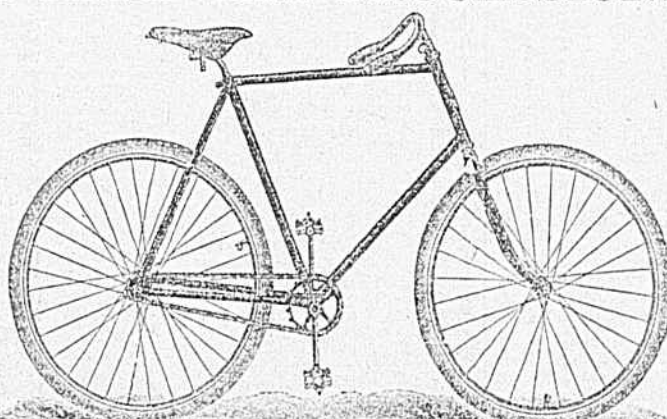
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